

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, and 8 are currently pending and have been amended with this action. Claims 1, 4-7, and 9 were canceled in an earlier response, and recently added new claims 10-38 have been hereby canceled with this Second Supplemental Amendment. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue this canceled subject matter in further applications of the invention. Support for the amendments to claims 2, 3 and 8 can be found throughout the application as filed.

Applicants respectfully acknowledge the assistance of the Examiner in this case, Dr. Padmavathi Baskar, in identifying allowable subject matter in this case during a telephonic interview conducted on January 14, 2005.

CONCLUSION

Claims 2, 3, and 8 are currently pending. Claims 1, 4-7, and 9 were canceled in a previous action, and recently added claims 10-38 have been hereby canceled with this action. Accordingly, only claims 2, 3 and 8 are pending following this action. Applicant submits that the claims, as they currently stand, are in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that no fees are required with the instant filing. However, in the event that any additional fees are required to maintain the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees, or to credit any overpayments, to Attorney Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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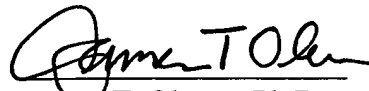
Further in Reply to Office Action dated May 18, 2004

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application and claims in light of the foregoing amendments and remarks. If the Examiner believes that a further telephone interview would be helpful, the undersigned attorney would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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